

network of dedicated patriots whose selfless sacrifice on behalf of fellow Kansans mirrors that of the veterans they serve has worked on arranging these flights. These volunteers include another husband and wife team, Lowell and Joyce Downey, whose devotion to our Kansas veterans is truly inspiring.

In addition to volunteers, I would like to thank the family members that accompany these veterans to Washington. I have met many of these family members as they escort their hero around the World War II memorial. The pure joy and admiration on the faces of these family members as they experience the memorial for the first time reassures me that generations to come will understand and venerate the sacrifices of our nation's military members past and present. From the bottom of my heart I say thank you. Thank you for the long hours. Thank you for your dedication. Thank you Kansas Honor Flight.

TRIBUTE TO PERCIVAL  
SCIENTIFIC, INC.

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an exemplary Iowa company, Percival Scientific, Inc. as they are recognized with an "E" Award, the United States Government's highest honor to an American exporter and export service provider.

The United States Department of Commerce notified Percival Scientific, Inc. of the award, citing the company's "economic dynamism and leadership," and acknowledging that Percival Scientific, Inc.'s officials "recognize the importance exports have on creating jobs and strengthening the United States economy." Percival Scientific, Inc. is only one of 123 recipients of the President's "E" Award.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy, Jr. created this award to recognize companies who support the expansion of U.S. exports. Percival Scientific, Inc. has been in business for over 125 years, established in 1886 in Des Moines, Iowa, starting as Percival Manufacturing. The company manufactured and sold butcher tools, machinery and fixtures. As refrigeration came into being, Percival Manufacturing received a patent to manufacture a complete line of refrigerated display units. Since 2000, the company remains housed in a 60,000-square feet facility in Perry, Iowa, employing hundreds of central Iowans and contributing to the local and global economy.

Mr. Speaker, over the last century, Percival Scientific, Inc. has left an indelible mark on the manufacturing export industry in Iowa and around the world. Their innovation and forward thinking in the creation of state-of-the-art refrigeration chambers is recognized and admired worldwide among their peers. I commend Percival Scientific, Inc. and their employees for a job well done. I also ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring this company for their unwavering commitment to manufacturing and to the state of Iowa. I wish Percival Scientific, Inc. and their employees nothing but continued success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty-one individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on Friday, June 10, 2016. This memorable occasion, presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On June 10, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Joseph Nderito Ndungu, Kareema Abbas Khazaal, Waqar Hikmat Mahmood Jbara, Guadalupe Garcilazo Coria, Joseph Githae Njoroge, Lawrence George Cartwright, Sridhar Meda, Hellen Wangari Gathesha, Isabela Patena Pascua, Haopeng Xie, Leslie Sorayda Lopez, Mario Vazquez Sanchez, Michelle Patena Santarromana, Verica Prentoska, Esmerelda Ortiz, Sridhar Punukollu, Marina Gramosli, Tasuli Gramosli, Maria Delgado, Bharath Ganesh Babu, Maria Angelica Garcia, Juvenal Gonzalez, Fabiola Guerra Alocilla, John Donghyun Kim, Ivy Cong Lu, Madhuri Punukollu, Emilio Soria, Alicia Tapia, Ernesto Abraham Velazquez, and Joseph Kamau Njoroge Venanzio.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on June 10, 2016. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM AND SUZIE CONNORS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim and Suzie Connors, who will be recognized at the Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Inaugural Community Recognition Event on June 8, 2016. Mr. and Mrs. Connors will be honored for their work with Jewish Family Service and their long history of service to the Greater Scranton Community.

The Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a human service organization, which reflects the Jewish tradition of caring and compassion for all people in need. Through professional counseling, advocacy, and educational programming, its services seek to enhance and strengthen the quality of individual, family, and community life.

Mr. and Mrs. Connors are well known as community leaders committed to helping others throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Jim served as Mayor of Scranton from 1990 to 2002. Suzie was an educator in the Scranton school district for over thirty years and is a former board president for Jewish Family Service. Today, they both serve as members on the board of directors for Jewish Family Service.

It is an honor to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Connors. I wish them the best as they continue to work to improve the lives of Pennsylvanians.

MORGAN RASMUSSEN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Morgan Rasmussen for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Morgan Rasmussen is a 12th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Morgan Rasmussen is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Morgan Rasmussen for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.